

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity.

Support for the amendment is found in the claims and the specification, as originally filed.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-12 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

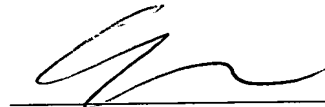
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